

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the title of the invention as follows:**

CONVERGING ELEMENT, OPTICAL HEAD, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
OPTICALLY RECORDING AND REPRODUCING REPRODUCING INFORMATION

**Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, before line 5:**

This is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/700,343, filed November 14, 2000, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP00/01525, filed March 14, 2000.